Losses incurred by Delhi milk scheme

1358. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the year-wise losses incurred by the DMS during last five years ;

(b) whether involvement of high officials of DMS in the bungiings resulting in heavy losses is suspected; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The losses incurred by Delhi Milk Scheme during the last five years are indicated below :—

(b) and (c) No, Sir, The losses are primarily on account of the low sale price of liquid milk supplied by Delhi Milk Scheme.

Procurement of chillies by NAFED

135'). DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the NAFED lias procured chillies from the marketing yard, Guntur. Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of chillies exported and that held up at various ports for want of quality control ;

(d) whether there were any allegations regarding the whole transaction; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken to redress the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. NAFED has procured chillies from the marketing yard at Guntur (Andhra Pradesh) through the Andhra Pradesh" State Cooperative Marketing Federation Hyderabad which is a constituent Member of NAFED. The purchases were made through open auction regulated by the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Market Committee, Guntur.

(c) NAFED exported 3300 MTs of Chillies to Srilanka valuing Rs. 1075 lakhs and all the shipment were made from the Port of Tuticorin. However, a shipment of 137.5 MTs out of the above quantity could not be surveyed on account of late receipt of intimation about nomination of the surveyor from the buyer and this lot was ultimately got surveyed by the buyers at Colombo due to which NAFED had to pay a quality claim of 5%.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. However, Central Bureau of Investigation of their own after making some preliminary enquiry have suggested certain measures to ensure quality with reference to the price.

Establishment of ranches to grow cattle

1360. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a country-wide project to establish Ranches to grow cattle exclusively for butchering and exporting purpose to earn foreign currency, as this project or scheme may be necessary in view of the ban on beef export from 1st April, 1992 from the present cattle wealth of the Country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of foodgrains

1361. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of foodgrains corresponds to the increase in population in our country ;